

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
For August 16, 2005**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at the Dune Acres Clubhouse.

Town Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Councilpersons Benjamin Bolton and John Wilhelm, substitute town attorney Timothy Sendak and Clerk pro tem Joan Rearick in attendance.

Council president Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by John Wilhelm, with second by Benjamin Bolton, that the minutes of the July 19, 2005, meeting be approved. Favorable vote was unanimous.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES AS OF JULY 31, 2005** Total

Checking and Money Market Funds = \$478,314.96

(see attached sheets for breakdown)

It was moved by John Wilhelm, with second by Benjamin Bolton, that the financial report for July 31, 2005 be accepted. Favorable vote was unanimous.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** (see attached accounts payable register)

It was moved by Benjamin Bolton, with second by John Wilhelm, that the accounts payable register be approved. Favorable vote was unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Louise Roberts had three items: 1) a letter from state representative Ralph Ayres announcing that he is chairing a northwest Indiana transportation study commission to be held August 25, 2005, from 1-4 pm, and requesting representation from Dune Acres 2) a letter from Comcast announcing 2 additional channels available on September 1, 2005 3) a letter from Anne Hiestand announcing her resignation as Town clerk-treasurer not later than September 1, 2005, because she and her husband will no longer be Dune Acres residents. Mrs. Roberts indicated her services will be missed.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**MUNICIPAL CODE:** John Wilhelm gave an update on the progress of the code review and revision by the Council and the Plan Commission and the target date for completion. He acknowledged the leadership Bill Nixon has provided.

**ROADS:** Commissioner Irving Call announced that contracts had been let for phase 2 of the 2005 road work.

**TOWN ENGINEER:** Town engineer Irving Call announced a pump relay that needs to be replaced will be ordered when other items expected to be needed will meet the \$25 minimum charge. Computer board repair is in progress and the base plate for the security camera has not been done. A hydrant at the town hall needs a new service valve which should be installed before winter.

**PARKS:** Commissioner Kelly Klein reported on the status of merry-go-round repairs. The remnants of the fallen tree in the park will be carved on August 27.

**BUILDING:** Commissioner John Sullivan announced he had spoken with the contractor and property owner who had sand removed from the town and a permit has been obtained. The addition and remodeling at 2 Crest Drive is almost ready for final inspection. The owner of the lot at the end of East Road hopes to build a new residence next spring.

**POLICE:** Commissioner Celia Call reported that the cell phones have been serviced and the additional phone number will be available in a week. Security officer Garrett Tyrell has changed his hours to Wednesdays only and some substituting due to the illness of a son. The new security guard, Diane Bartley, got a glowing report. The old vehicle is in need of servicing. There is some confusion as to the payment of the cleaning people and a new routine needs to be developed.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Commissioner Sue Smith announced plans are being developed for a tree ID hike which would include children and have some follow-up activities. The money for the grant is available and details on how it should be handled will be worked out. She would like to get started as soon as possible. She brought an example of another invasive plant, lime grass, which is on the beach. She sought, and was granted, permission to pursue spraying the plants with Round-Up. The next hazardous waste collection will be in October.

**WATER:** Councilman Ben Bolton announced that bids for the Circle-Beach Drivewater main project are ready to be advertised and will be opened September 6, 2005.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLUBHOUSE REPAIR:** Louise Roberts announced that the architect is working up an estimate on what needs to be done.

**TOWN HALL REPAIR:** Jim Anton from the insurance firm was present. A check from the insurance company has been received, but the claim is still open. The engineering drawings have been completed, but no estimates have been received.

**CLERK-TREASURER VACANCY:** Sherry King has been interviewed to do the accounting tasks for the Town. Final details of the Clerk-Treasurer position are being worked out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET:** This meeting served as a public hearing for the estimated 2006 budget, which has been published twice in the Chesterton Tribune. There was no public comment. The next Town Council meeting will be changed to September 13, 2005 to accommodate the time frame for submission required by the state.

**RESOLUTION:** Resolution 2005--05 (attached) to receive the federal grant monies was presented. It was moved by John Wilhelm, with second by Benjamin Bolton, that the resolution be passed. Favorable vote was unanimous.

**CREDIT MONEY:** John Wilhelm suggested that any new CREDIT monies be considered for use of repair of the town hall.

There were no comments from the floor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion duly made and seconded.